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PETITION UNDER RULE 136(a) FOR A THREE-MONTH EXTENSION

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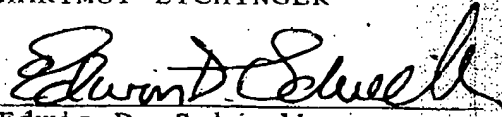
Dear Sir:

Applicant hereby petitions, pursuant to 37 C.F.R. §1.136(a), for a three-month extension, until December 5, 2001, in which to file a Response to the outstanding Office Action, dated June 5, 2001, for the above-identified patent application. The shortened statutory period for response expired on September 5, 2001. The requisite fee of \$460.00 (small entity) is enclosed.

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